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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ebner *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/712,142

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For: **Connective Tissue Growth
Factor-3**

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Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 RECEIVED

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **November 4, 2002**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 8), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. A Petition for a one-month extension of time and the requisite fee are filed concurrently herewith. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37